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SUBJECT: SOVIET-LIBYAN EFFORTS TO DESTABILIZE THE SUDAN

1. DURING OUR DECEMBER 29 CONVERSATION, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI DISCUSSED AT SOME LENGTH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS HE WAS RECEIVING ABOUT SOVIET-INSPIRED LIBYAN EFFORTS TO DESTABILIZE THE SUDAN. CATSPA W ORGANIZER OF THESE EFFORTS WAS SHARIF HUSSEIN AL-HINDI, UNRECONSTRUCTED SUDANESE DISSIDENT CURRENTLY IN TRIPOLI. ORGANIZATION TO BE USED WAS HINDI'S NEWLY FORMED "SUDANESE NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE FRONT". NIMEIRI DESCRIBED FRONT AS PAPER ORGANIZATION, MOST OF WHOSE OFFICIALS WERE LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE TYPES.

2. PLAN INCLUDED USE OF ARMED ANSAR IN LIBYA TO FOMENT SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST SUDAN FROM CHADIAN TERRITORY. AS WITH MOST OF SUDAN'S BORDERS, THERE WERE TRIBES THERE WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES STRADDLED THE FRONTIER.

3. LIBYANS HAD ALSO APPROACHED A SOUTHERN SUDANESE DISSIDENT

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RESIDENT IN UGANDA (PHILLIP ABBAS) TO URGE HIM TO MAKE TROUBLE. THEY HAD NOT REALIZED THAT DISSIDENT IN QUESTION HAD ALREADY APPLIED TO RETURN TO SUDAN UNDER AMNESTY.

4. SOVIETS AND LIBYANS WERE BOTH, ACCORDING TO NIMEIRI, URGING MENGISTU TO ACTIVATE THE ARMED ANSAR IN ETHIOPIA AGAINST THE SUDAN. PLAN WAS TO SABOTAGE AND DESTROY SUDAN RAILROAD

FROM GEDAREF AND KASSALA TO PORT SUDAN. PLAN ALSO INVOLVED  
USE OF ERITREAN REFUGEES IN THESE AREAS TO COMMIT ACTS OF  
TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE.

5. SOVIETS AND LIBYANS HAD TARGETED THREE SUDANESE FOR  
ASSASSINATION IN KHARTOUM. THEY WERE: NIMEIRI, SADIQ AL-  
MAHDI, AND DR. HASSAN AL-TURABI (HEAD OF MOSLEM  
BROTHERHOOD).

6. NIMEIRI SAID THAT HE HOPED TO THROW A MONKEY-WRENCH INTO  
THESE PLANS THROUGH SADIQ AL-MAHDI'S CURRENT EFFORTS IN LIBYA  
TO PERSUADE THE ANSAR THERE TO RETURN TO SUDAN. HE BELIEVED  
SADIQ WOULD SUCCEED IN THESE EFFORTS. NIMEIRI SEEMED QUITE  
CONFIDENT AND PHILOSOPHICAL ABOUT THE WHOLE AFFAIR. HE SAID  
HE HAD LEARNED TO EXPECT TO HEAR ABOUT A NEW LIBYAN-SOVIET  
PLOT AGAINST HIM JUST ABOUT EVERY THREE MONTHS. BERGUS

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